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TOPIC	Dossau Airfield		
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1. On 8 July 1952, there was intensive air activity at Dossau airfield. At 7 a.m. and at 4 p.m. on 21 July, no activity was observed at the field. After 1 p.m. on 22 July, individual IL-10s were observed taking off and landing. The last plane landed at about 3:30 p.m. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 25 July, there was flying, individual take-offs being made by IL-10s at intervals of 20 to 30 minutes. 48 IL-10s and 1 biplane at the field. (1)
2. On 18 July, a pile of wooden poles, each about 3 meters long and about 20 centimeters in diameter, was observed in the southwestern corner of the field between the taxiway and the railroad line. On 21 July, a board fence about 2 meters high was erected along the road to Kuehnau as far as the beginning of Klein Kuehnau. (2)
3. On 18 July, that some tents and six AA guns emplaced in holes were at the field. On 25 July, again observed that the AA guns were no longer in the emplacements, but that six weapons on tripod mounts, probably AA machine guns, were there. From 15 to 20 soldiers were observed near the tents. (3)
4. The following observations were made at the field between 18 and 30 July:
- 18 July. Between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., there was air activity including individual take-offs and formation flying in flights; a total of 58 take-offs were observed.
- 22 July. Flying started at 7 a.m. Formation flying in flights and squadrons was observed. (1)
- 25 July. Between 1:10 and 2:15 p.m., a ground attack plane towing a sleeve target circled the field. AA guns emplaced on the southwestern edge of the field fired at the air sleeve. (1)
- 26 July. Trucks entered the yard of the school in Alten.
- 29 July. Between 6:30 and 11 a.m., there was flying by ground attack planes. Formation flying in flights was observed. Between 9:50 and 11 a.m., three flights took off and, subsequently, practiced flying in a squadron formation. A total of 52 take-offs were observed.
- 30 July. One biplane and 49 ground attack aircraft were counted at the field. (1)
- Six light AA guns, 7 trucks and 2 tents for EM were observed on the southern edge of the field. (3)

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Comments.

- (1) Dessau airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 50 IL-10s.
- (2) A fence was being constructed along the southern and western sides of the field.
- (3) The information that AA machine guns were emplaced in the AA gun emplacement is received for the first time. It must be assumed that the operating personnel are detached by the OATB. Previously, three AA gun emplacements, i.e. one each on the northern, southeastern and southwestern edges of the field have been believed to exist at the field. [redacted] that only AA machine guns were emplaced in one of the southern emplacements on 25 July. [redacted] AA guns in the [redacted] 25X1  
emplacement on the southern edge of the field on 25 and 30 July.
- (4) Firing practices by AA guns at a sleeve target was previously reported from Dessau airfield. [redacted] 25X1

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